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Entertaining An Angel?

by Marsha Tollefson

Hebrews 13: 1-2 states: "Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." RSV

Did Faith Community do exactly that—entertain an angel without knowing it?

A very elderly gentleman had been away from churches for years. His wife had died, and he was lonesome, living all alone in the mountains overlooking Lyons. He had passed our church on the highway many times on his regular route, so he decided to just stop in one Sunday. When he saw so many little children, he asked our pastor if this was some special Sunday for them, and was told, "Oh, no, this is just how many children come to Sunday School each week." He loved little ones, and was very impressed. He'd never seen so many children at church!

He went in to our worship service and sat near the front, as he was nearly deaf. He was not dressed in clothes with designer labels, but in a corduroy sport coat that had seen its better days. He was a bit un-

shaven, but had the bluest eyes, with a twinkle in them like the proverbial Santa Claus. Folks seated around him greeted him, and he was touched by the friendliness, as he lived such an isolated life. He couldn't hear much of what they said to him, but the warmth reached him anyway. He came back week after week, driving his old maroon jeep down the rough, winding mountain road, rain or shine, snow or ice.



He attended the adult Sunday School class, and often told us that Faith was his "family" and the only one he had. He looked forward all week to his Sunday worship at Faith. On his 80th birthday, he was brought to tears as his friends at Faith surprised him with a birthday cake. No one had baked him a cake in ages! He asked us why we were so nice to him, just an old man.

Over the years, as his health failed, Faith members showed him that he truly was a part of our family. He desperately wanted to come down to church each Sunday. He could no longer drive, so Sunday after Sunday, members tackled that virtually impassable road to pick him up for services, and return him safely home. Whenever he was hospitalized, we watched over him, members and Pastor checking on him daily. He was so very appreciative. He often said he couldn't believe how kind folks were to him, just an old man.

The Lord protected him, as one Sunday, when he was very weak, but insistent on coming to church, he fell. Where? Right on our church steps! Members took him to the hospital, stayed with him all day, waiting for x-ray reports, until he was settled in, and nurses taking care of him. After several extended hospital stays, and 24-hour nursing care at home, he finally was moved to a local nursing home, where Faith members could visit him. He was able to go back to his beloved home in the mountains one last time. On Easter Sunday, 2003, the Lord took his servant home. Our Pastor Dan said the timing was perfect.

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After Hans Hansen's death, many of us were shocked to learn of his history. He had been born in Norway, of Danish parents, coming to the USA at age two. Hans was working in Minneapolis as a printer and bookbinder when World War II broke out. He enlisted in the Army and eventually came to Leadville, Colorado, to train at a mountain troop-training

center for skiers. Many Scandinavians and former Olympic skiers were in the troop, training on ridges back of the Continental Divide, at 12,000 feet. Later in the War he earned the European Service Medal and four Bronze Stars. He had been in the Battle of Normandy, fought on D-Day, and was wounded in action. He also served in northern France, the Ardennes, and Rhine-land. Like so many veterans of our wars, Hans never told us of his military bravery and honors.

After the War, he owned the El Rancho Hansen Motel in Boulder, Colorado, the Concord Motel at Ft. Garland, Colorado, and finally the famous Hotel Colorado, in Glenwood Springs from 1955-1962. After retiring he built his own large mountain retreat with a marvelous view of the valley below, where he lived with his wife until her death.

Many of us assumed Hans was simply an elderly retired "mountain man" with very few financial resources. His old jalopy Jeep and his clothes would give one that impression. Faith Community didn't measure him by his appearance, but welcomed him and treated him the same as we do anyone entering our church doors. Hans so needed us in his life. Some of the twinkle in those deep blue eyes of his no doubt came from knowing all along that when he died he planned to leave his entire estate to his "Family at Faith."

Now do you think we entertained an angel unawares?

OUTREACH

Thank God for Thelma McDonald! She has volunteered to be the liaison between FCLC and Life Choices Pregnancy Center, which helps pregnant women and their young children in need.

Fill a baby bottle with your spare change between Mother's Day and Father's Day.



That which we'll hardly miss will go a long way to help supply their needs.



STEWARSHIP REMINDER

We "Give Thanks" when we gather together in the name of God and Jesus. We give thanks to the Holy One for all He has done for us. What has God done for us? He's given us Jesus Christ His Son, His only Son. This is His great gift to us. It is given to us who merit nothing, in our own right, from Him.

Faith Community serves God through its people. How do we serve Him? With a grateful heart, we regularly return a portion of our money, time and talent to His service. It, after all, already belongs to God. We are just stewards searching for the best ways to use our resources and ourselves in His service. Non-Christians look at FCLC people and wonder what are "those people" doing? Why are they giving all that money, giving all that time, and giving their talents? They don't realize we are just giving thanks with a grateful heart to God and His Son, Jesus for all They have done.



What do I have that is not given to me by God? The answer is, of course, nothing! How do we respond to His great gift? We, "Give thanks with a grateful heart". We, "Give thanks to the Holy One". We strive to please Him with our lives. God wants His people to have repentant and grateful hearts. He wants us centered on Him. He wants to be at the center of our life. He wants to be the guide in everything.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.

The Stewardship Committee is asking God's guidance in its effort to develop an annual-giving-plan campaign. Each person at FCLC will pledge to proportionally and regularly return money God has given them to further His work in Longmont, in Colorado, and to the ends of the earth. Since God works through his people, we ask you to pray for our successful effort and for you to give your ideas to a Stewardship Committee member. The Stewardship Committee is:

Roger Olsen, Chairman
John Meier, Church Treasurer
Susan Moller
Chris Holstine
Joel Rothe
Keith Anderson

Fallen Peace Officers Remembered

Hundreds attend memorial service at Faith Community Lutheran



Longmont Police SWAT team member Scott Pierce, left, and his wife, Officer Sara Pierce, are blessed by Pastor Dan Hansen of Faith Community Lutheran Church of Longmont during the service for Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

By Vanessa Miller, Camera Staff Writer

May 16, 2005

It was 10 years ago Sunday that Devi Suess stood in Washington, D.C., and honored her peer — her "good friend" — at the national Peace Officer's Memorial.

Suess, a long-time detective with Longmont's Police Department, received a blue ribbon pin that day in memory of her close colleague, Beth Haynes. The 26-year-old Boulder police officer lost her life in April 1994 while answering a domestic dispute call.

On Sunday — National Peace Officer's Memorial Day — Suess wore the pin again.



"I only wear it on Beth's birthday and Peace Officer's Memorial Day," said Suess, glancing at the ribbon over her heart. "I think it changed a lot of lives the day that Beth was killed."

Instead of making Suess want to quit the force, Haynes' death served as motivation, Suess said.



"What made it easy to come back to work were all the citizens lining the street at Beth's funeral," she said. "The best way for me to honor Beth was to keep doing the job we both signed up for."

That job is one of sacrifice and risk. Last year, 154 federal, state and local enforcement officers across the country lost their lives, including one in Colorado.

Deputy Sheriff Travis Wayne Sass, with the Larimer County Sheriff's Department in Fort Collins, died in a car accident June 29.

Boulder County's memorial service at Longmont's Faith Community Lutheran Church Sunday, Longmont Police Chief Mike Butler expressed his respect for Sass and the other fallen officers with a poem, titled, "Behold the Brave Men and Women."

"For 154 families whose lives have been shattered, for their beloved public servants whose lives truly mattered," Butler said. "There is an old adage that says that courage is not always characterized by a roar. But can simply be a person, at the end of the day, saying I can do more."

Before a crowd of more than 200, Boulder Police Chief Mark Beckner said that although May 15 has become a day of mourning for those close to lost officers, it can also be a day of celebration.



"We should feel blessed to have had them in our lives," Beckner said. "And remember, they were doing what they loved to do. For most police officers, policing is a passion and a calling."



Just before a 21-gun salute, the sounding of "Taps," and a bagpipe rendition of "Amazing Grace," the church audience stood for a moment of silence.

"Let's honor, respect and celebrate the profession they've chosen," Beckner said. "And be thankful we knew them. We will always be grateful."

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“What’s on tap?”

Thoughts poured from the spout of Kristen Baltrum, Deaconess



I took the kids to the Longmont Recreation Center the other day and had quite an experience in parenting and faith. JR wanted to go down the waterslide all by himself. While he is a great swimmer and has no fear of the water, he still isn't strong enough to swim with the current of the water at the bottom of the slide. I decided to let him try it anyway, and showed him how to hold onto the handles of the inner tube. I sat on the stairs at the entrance to the water in the “deep end” and waved to him as he walked up the stairs. The smile of encouragement on my face completely disguised the panic I felt in my heart.

As I waited for him to come down the slide, I began to walk into the water closer and closer up to the slide in hopes of catching him on his way out. The lifeguard called me back and told me I wasn't allowed to be in that area and I would have to wait on the stairs. I told her I was a paranoid mother and reminded her that she needed to be ready to dive in if she wasn't going to let me be at the bottom of the slide. She gave me a smile of encouragement but it didn't help the panic still in my heart.



I sat on the stairs and began to pray for JR's safety. I also began to repeat “Water is what we use in Baptism, it's not the cause of death. Water is what we use in Baptism, it's not the cause of death.” Somehow, I was comforted by the reminder of Baptism, and just when I realized the panic subsiding, JR came flying out of the slide, holding tightly to the inner tube, and smiling from ear to ear. He was so proud of his accomplishment, and was having so much fun. He couldn't wait to go again.

As I watched him go a second time (and then a third, and fourth...) I realized that this is what faithful parenting is about. We sit on the side and watch our kids climb the stairway of life, accomplishing tasks and going on adventures without us. As they try out new things and challenge themselves, we give them smiles of encouragement and pray in the midst of our panic. We let them go, knowing that no matter what happens, they are washed and held in the waters of their baptisms.

Slide on, my dear son, slide on.



by His mark started as a group of friends and family from Faith Community Lutheran Church of Longmont, CO. What began as a simple love of bluegrass gospel, turned into a ongoing commitment to spread God's word through music. Several members met through a banjo class at the church in 2003. One major result was the friendship that developed between people who had only been “fellow worshipers” before. In the summer of 2004 they decided to introduce their church to bluegrass worship, and they now lead a worship service several times a year. We also provide special music to congregations when requested. We are looking forward to more outreach opportunities. We're currently serving northern Colorado and are “Willing to go wherever God leads us”. For more information: www.ByHismark.com



... But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ ..."

Ephesians 4:7, 11-12

Via de Cristo is patterned on Jesus' own example. He searched out and called a small group of potential leaders; He trained them by word and example and inspired them with a vision; He linked them together and sent them out into the world to bring the world to Him.

Via de Cristo is a renewal movement of the church patterned on Jesus' example. Its purpose is to help those in the church understand their individual callings to be Christian Leaders. The leadership may be exercised in work situations, in the family and social life, in leisure activities, and within the Church environment. Leadership, in Via de Cristo, does not mean power over others, but influence on others; all of us need to be aware that we can exert a *positive* influence on those around us.

What is Via de Cristo?

Literally meaning "way of Christ", Via de Cristo is a short course in Christianity that is designed to provide all Christians with a significant foundation for individual and community spiritual growth. Grace and Growth are combined in an exciting and energetic way. At the Via de Cristo the participants become increasingly aware that they are a part of a community abounding in God's grace. The three days are a triple encounter: with Christ; with Christian brothers and sisters; and with a Christian community.

History of Via de Cristo

Via de Cristo originated as the Roman Catholic Cursillo movement which began in Spain in 1948 and moved to America in the late 50's. The first Lutheran- sponsored Cursillos (the early name for Via de Cristo) were held in Miami, Florida in 1971. In addition to

VIA DE CRISTO COLORADO

the Roman Catholic and Lutheran movements there are similar expressions in the Methodist, Reformed, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christian churches. Today, more than 2 million Christians in 50 nations have attended a "Cursillo" weekend.

Format of The Weekend

The Via de Cristo weekend is an experience in Christian sharing and living. During the 72-hours, fourteen talks will be presented: Five talks are given by *Lutheran pastors* and nine by lay people. A final talk is given on sponsorship by the lay director. The weekend also includes chapel each morning, communion, small group discussions, sharing, music, singing, laughter, and prayer. The fourteen talks are discussed by the participants and will include a Christian perspective on the following subjects:

- Ideal
- Grace
- Lay People in the Church
- Importance of Study
- A Day in the Life of a Christian
- Apostolic Action
- Obstacles to a Life in Grace
- Christian Actions in the Community

Each of the talks deals with living one's life in God's grace.

Who Goes To Via de Cristo?

Via de Cristo is not designed to convert anyone to Christianity. It is meant for those who are already faithful and committed to Christ and His church. Once again, the goal of Via de Cristo is to encourage Christians in their lives of faith and increase their awareness of grace and service to the Church and the world. During a Via de Cristo weekend, those who have previously attended are called "The Team", and it is their responsibility to serve you in every possible way.

When is Via de Cristo Held?

Weekends in the Colorado movement are generally held three times per year. Men's and Women's weekends are held in March and November, and

a Co-ed weekend is held during June or July.

How Can I Attend Via de Cristo?

Contact the church office, or other members of FCLC who have attended, i.e. Pastor Dan & Cindy, Ed & Diane Broestl, Harlan & Janelle Olson, Kirk Olson, Shea Baker, Wayne & Kaydene Hubert, Ella Lien, Margaret Greene, Monte & Lorna Ott, and Jeanette Wittmer to name a few. In total, more than 40+ members from FCLC have attended a VdC weekend.

What Happens After The Weekend?

The weekend is only a beginning. What you learn and share during the weekend will hopefully be taken back and put into practice in your local congregation and community. You will be supported by many others who have attended a Via de Cristo before or with you. Small groups meet regularly (usually weekly) to affirm one another and to share the Christian life of Grace. These activities inspire, challenge, and encourage Christian action in homes, churches, and communities.

How Much Does The Weekend Cost?

It is our policy to not charge pilgrims (you) for the weekend. It is a gift from God.

May I Go with a Spouse or Friend?

Yes, we strongly recommend that spouses and friends attend a first Via de Cristo weekend together. Marriages and friendships can be strengthened and deepened by the Via de Cristo experience. Fall and Spring Colorado weekends are split into all men and all women weekends, with the men going first. Since 2001, there have been co-ed weekends in the summer. Spouses and friends are also encouraged to serve on teams together.

In Summary

Not everyone who attends a Via de Cristo weekend will receive the same benefit; but all who attend will be blessed, and most will be strengthened in their desire to be a blessing in their churches and Christian communities. www.ColoradoVdC.org



Summer time - Summer time - Sum-Sum-Summer time!!!

Mark your calendars now for some fun & fellowship with your Faith Community Family

Kitchen Clean Up & “Get Ready for Company” Work Day! June 4th 9-Noon



Get ready to clean out & organize those cabinets, and also make the rest of the church areas presentable for our upcoming guests & 25th Anniversary. Please sign up in the Narthex. Lunch and fellowship will follow the event for all workers.

FCLC Golf/Swim Day July 10th

(times to be announced)



Watch for sign up sheets for golfing.

Meet your FCLC friends at the pool & get a discount.



PICNIC!! Yes, it is coming sooner than we think. August 21st 4-7PM



This years FCLC End of Summer Picnic will be...

- Hover Acres Park
- Food provided
- Games to play
- Fun to be had

A big “thank you” goes out to Andrea Lee & Julie Knutson for organizing the Spring Fling Dance!!

Thank you also goes out to Shawn Wormke for delivering lunch to the workers at the Habitat House!!

If you are interested in helping with Fellowship, come join us the 2nd Tuesday evening of every month at 7:00 PM or contact either Shannon Holstine or Kaydene Hubert.

FCLC Christian Education

“Counting on the Bible” Summer Sunday School

This 13-week summer worship and Sunday school theme begins on June 5. We will be learning more about some familiar, and maybe not so familiar, Bible stories which involve numbers. . . 5,000, 40, 12, 7, and 1. Every 1 counts in Summer Christian Education for ALL ages. Yes, we do have Sunday School every week for ALL ages during the Summer!

Calling all High School and College Students! SUMMER BREAKFAST CLUB 9:30-10:30 am each Sunday



Okay, high school and college students. . . here's your chance to participate in 13 weeks of Bible Study, food, stimulating discussions, food, and occasionally even breakfast out! Class led by Sililo WooChing and Bob Goings! Now how can you go wrong with

those two as your fearless leaders? Yes, you too can count Christian Education in, this summer!

THE KNEE-SITTERS' CLUB and Josiah's Kids begin June 9!

Imagine Jesus surrounded by children. Imagine Jesus inviting the children to sit on his knee. Imagine becoming a member of Faith Community Lutheran Church's "Knee-Sitters' Club" and listening to stories about Jesus. Beginning June 9, (9:00-9:45 am) and each Thursday morning through out the summer, children ages 3-8, are invited to come to this Christian story hour which will also include crafts, snacks and/or games as extensions of Jesus' Bible stories. Checking out a book from the church library will also be included.

Too old for The Knee-sitters' Club? How about joining Josiah's Kids? Third-Fifth graders may sign up to read one Christian fiction chapter book each month and then meet from 10-10:45 am on June 9, July 14, and August 11, to discuss and create book extension crafts, games and/or snacks. Checking out a book from the church library will also be included. Interested in joining Josiah's Kids? It's not too late to or-

der a book for the July session. Order your July book by calling Nanette (303-772-6269). Cost will be \$7 per book.

Adults, when was the last time you read the Narnia books? Let's get together to read them on a whole new level and discover C.S. Lewis' Christian wisdom in a new way. First meeting on June 7, will be an introduction to Lewis and the Narnia series. We'll discuss one book at each meeting after that. Reading guides will be provided. June 7 & 14; all of July and August 2 & 9. Tuesdays, 10:30 to noon, at Church. Chris Goble facilitating. Need a book?



Come to Lava Lava Island Vacation Bible School!

July 11, 12, 13, 9-11:30 am

See Jesus' love flow each day on Lava Lava Island! Experience fun, memorable Bible-learning activities! Sing catchy songs! Play teamwork-building games! Taste tropical treats! Create Bible Point crafts! VBS is open to children ages 3-5th grade. Register on the



downstairs bulletin board beginning June 12! **The ONE and ONLY VBS planning meeting is June 6, 7 pm.** We always welcome adult and teen help! See you there!

“GREAT DATES” COUPLES’ BIBLE STUDY!

June 5 - (Change of date!),

July 17, August 21,
6:7:30 pm, at church

Join us this summer as we begin the study, Let's Watch a Movie!: Using Popular Videos to Enrich Your Marriage! Come to one, come to all three!



Dates to Remember



- **June 4, 10 am** HIPS Training Session. Must attend this information session to use the HIPS exercise room. Women, don't you want to become physically fit this summer? See svelte and sleek Lutherans by August!
- **June 5, 9:30-10:30 am** “Counting on the Bible” Summer Sunday School for ALL ages begins!
- **June 6, 7 pm** VBS Planning meeting-The One and Only! We need YOU!
- **June 7, 10:30-Noon** Narnia Bible Study begins!
- **June 9, 9-9:45 am** THE KNEE-SITTERS' CLUB
- **June 9, 10-10:45 am** Josiah's Kids
- **July 11, 12, 13, 9-11:30 am** VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! (Lava Lava Island) Registration begins June 12!

Pastor's Notes

"...May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." John 17:23

On our unity in Christ...

As I mentioned a couple of Sundays ago; we've seen what a challenge it was for the early church to stay unified as we've been looking at the book of Acts in this Easter season--the tension between the Jews & Greeks, the tension between Paul & Peter, Paul & the Jerusalem council, Paul & Barnabas. Yet the Holy Spirit holds them together

through prayer. In this verse, Jesus prays for the unity of his followers, the future church. As loyal as his followers were to him, he knew that they could easily be divided by ego and envy and hurt feelings. But he also knew that they could accomplish much more as the body of Christ, than they could as just a collection of individuals. How true!

On our Confirmation Sunday...

What a wonderful morning of worship we had as we affirmed the baptism of 30 8th graders. We had over 400 at that 11:00 service as we set up extra chairs in the narthex and as we parked cars out in our softball field. Many thanks to Nanette, our Dir. of Christian Education, and all of her education helpers and teachers for their hard work. We had a great day and everything was well organized. It's always an inspiration to hear the faith expressed by these young people.

On feeding the hungry...through our computers!

Do you ever feel overwhelmed with some of the pressing needs of our world? One simple, easy, thing we can do each day (besides pray!) is through the Internet. Those of you who are on the computer every day as I am, check out these sites:

www.thehungersite.com,
www.thebreastcancersite.com, and
www.therainforestsite.com.

Each of these sites has sponsors who make donations for every person who clicks on these sites!!!! It only takes a few seconds—let's show the world we care!



"Remembering the Sabbath" this summer...

Please don't take the summer off from church—join us for worship and Sunday school! Nanette has worked hard her theme for our Summer Sunday School. Make it a priority to grow with us this summer. Kris and the Youth Committee have lots of youth activities on the calendar, and we have an exciting summer of worship planned while our worship teams continue their rotation of worship leadership.

Most of all, don't forget to worship as you vacation. I suspect that nothing makes a bigger impression on our kids than what we do with our Sundays when we don't have to be there--such as when we don't have choir or Sunday school or Sunday Servant responsibilities. One of the things I really enjoy when I have a Sunday off is worshiping at other churches. Perhaps God will give you some great ideas to bring back home to us!

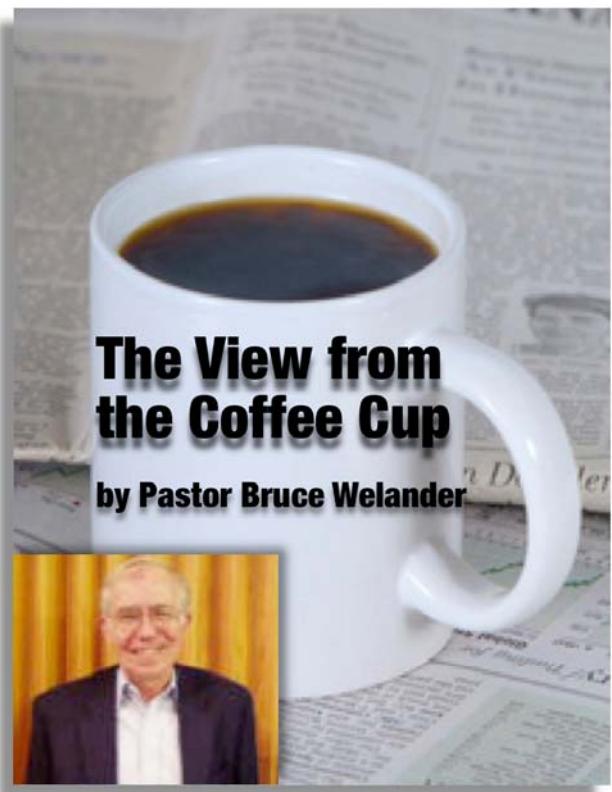
On our building progress...

As you can see, we're off & running with lots of construction activity every day. After all the prayer & planning, it's exciting to see things coming to fruition. Again, a big thank you to our Building Committee that continues to serve and make decisions. All of our meetings are open meetings, so anyone is welcome to join us or ask questions any time

Your Partner in Ministry,
 Pastor Dan



"Then it started to rain, and it rained all through the trip ... like our vacation."



The View from the Coffee Cup

by Pastor Bruce Welander

Much as I would like to forget it, I am continuing to reflect on a fall that occurred during my recent vacation trip, as I drove to Pennsylvania and back. It was on the Ohio Turnpike – at a rest area, of all places. While looking around to try to guess which of two entrances would be more likely to have a desk with tourist information, I didn't see the 2-inch parking divider beneath my feet. I landed on my left eye. So I considered myself very fortunate when, at a nearby hospital emergency room, the diagnosis was simply this: "You have the shiner of all shiners." I am very grateful that, several weeks later, it is no worse than that.



Two different doctors suggested to me that I ought to come up with "a better story" than what actually happened. However - klutzy though it makes me feel - it's the truth.

Perhaps there is a lesson in this. Think of it. I drove 3,200 miles in the car - sometimes in high-traffic areas like Cleveland and Chicago – and my only problem was in a rural rest area!

So truly I myself need to re-learn some lessons from this experience. I'll preach them to myself as I pass them along to you here: Watch out for bumps in life's road, and, remember, there are times just to slow down. May your times of rest this summer truly be restful ones, and may you never trip on your trips. Also, I hope to see you often at our times of rest and renewal on Sunday mornings or Saturday evenings. At all times, keep in close touch with the One who promises rest for our souls.

In his name,

Pastor Bruce Welander



MORE OUTREACH



RELAY FOR LIFE is an event to support cancer research. Join the Faith Team on June 10th & 11th at Silver Creek High School. As a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, team members will be selling Luminarias between services on both the weekend of the 21st and 22nd, as well as the weekend of the 28th and 29th. Each Luminaria bag costs \$10 and on it can be written "In Honor of (a cancer survivor)" or "In Memory of (a cancer patient that has past away)". These bags will be placed around the track and lit with glowsticks on the night of the event to light the path of the participants. Contact Sarah Droege at 303-682-2807 for more information.

The OUR Center is in need of your help & support. Please drop off any food/care donation items in the blue bin in the Narthex.

Council Minutes May 10, 2005

Attendees:

Officers:

Federico Ruiz, President
 Jill Krantz, Vice President
 Lisa Smith, Secretary
 John Meier, Treasurer

Ministries:

Rhea Hoops, Education
 Shannon Holstine, Fellowship
 Kaydene Hubert, Fellowship
 Mike Gwinn, Outreach
 Mike Marshall, Property
 Roger Olsen, Stewardship
 Larry Konicek, Worship & Music
 Jesse Demmel, Youth

Staff:

Pastor Dan Hansen



Devotions/Prayer: Pastor Dan— John 3:5-8 under “Jesus Teaches Nicodemus”

Secretary's Report Approval: Roger moved to approve the minutes. Rhea seconded. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Expenses are lower due to the 2 staff positions not filled yet. Surplus is higher than expected. A motion was made by John to move \$90,000 of the surplus funds to the building fund and keep 1-month worth of expenses (approximately \$60,000) in the surplus fund. Roger seconded. Unanimously approved.

Brief Update from Each Ministry:

Education—Rhea.

- Sunday School Finale will be May 15th in the Fellowship Hall.
- Knee Sitters Club will begin this summer June 9th from 9-9:45am every Thursday – ages Preschool through 2nd grade.
- 3rd – 5th Grade Book club will meet once a month from 10-10:45am starting June 9th.
- A new small group for women called HIPS “Healthy Inspirational Physical Strength” will be held Saturday’s starting June 4 at 10 am.
- Summer Sunday School will start June 5. There will be classes for adults, Senior High will have a Breakfast Club and still need volunteers for middle school.
- Vacation Bible School meeting on June 6; VBS July 11-13 9-11:30am
- Weavers of the Cloth and Education Committee will be selling note cards (set of 12 with 4 pictures of the church). Colt Printing donated printing.

Fellowship—Shannon & Kaydene

- May 20th – Spring Fling Dance – at the bowling alley, \$10 per person
- Need people to help with setup for serving lunch for Habitat this Saturday at 11:30.
- Church picnic August 21
- TBA – Golf and swim day – each separate days
- Kitchen cleanup on June 4
- TBA – Progressive Dinner for the Fall.

Outreach—Mike & Marcie

- Outreach fair was a success. Sent out thank you letters to the fair participants and invited them to next year’s fair April 26, 2006.

- May – Baby bottles are available for people to collect coins for Life Choice. Need to be returned June 12th/Father’s Day. Will try handing them out, since people have not been automatically taking them from the basket.
- June 4th is “Getting Ready for Company Work Day” from 9am –12pm. Clean up the inside and outside of church before the June 12th Anniversary.
- July – Bluegrass Gospel Festival in Loveland
- August – Collecting coats
- September 18th will be “Undie Sunday” for Wing Shadow
- Need to push the Medallions, several are left. Dropping price to \$3.00 each.
- May 14th at the Hansen’s will be the “Tamales and Talk”.
- August 20th and December 17th will need people to serve noon luncheon at the Our Center.

Property—Mike.

- Ditch lining – need more help. If more youth want to help, will pay \$10.00 an hour.
- Bob Thoman purchased Welcome mats (\$95.00 each) to be put outside each door. Also, renting 4x6 runners from Main Street Mats. Cost is \$30.00 a month; the company cleans and replaces the mats when needed. This is all within the current budget.

Stewardship—Roger.

- Scheduling fall campaign to start in September, which will include 3 temple talks.
- We will be asking Council and Staff to pre-pledge. In October, will start mailing pledge cards to congregation with the request to have returned by October 31. Also, will

follow-up in early November for non-responders and the plan is to finish by Thanksgiving.

Worship & Music—Larry.

- Suggestion by Jesse to put VPU screens in the Narthex. When we have large crowds and extra seating is in the Narthex, people cannot see the screens in the Sanctuary.
- Blue Grass wants more times instead of just the 5th Sunday. Planning on giving them a few more dates.
- Have interviewed 3 people for the current positions. Assigned 3 people to be a subcommittee for the task for changing the job descriptions and hours for the 2 current openings. Tuning the jobs more towards the candidates that have applied. May change from 30 and 10-hour positions to 20 hours each.

Youth—Jesse.

- 37 youth going to Work Camp – paperwork is being processed.
- Trying to get the Youth Committee back up and going with more volunteers.
- Planning a BBQ this summer.

Old Business:

Mortgage is due May 14th. Roger is meeting with the current tenant again. He is requesting a 90-day extension. He still has not sold his home in Longmont. Roger will request \$17,775 (amount of interest) as payment for the 90-day extension. He has already put \$39,500 down for the Hansen place.

New Addition Building budget – no information yet. Susan will request from Carl or Bob. The council made a formal request for the Building Committee to provide a budget at the next meeting.

Jesse moved to adjourn. Roger seconded. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.

Reminders:

Newsletter items must be submitted to Carol by the 15th of each month.

Please remember to take the lead in praying for your respective ministry at our worship services.

Announcements/Communication items:

None at this time.

Information:

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DEVOTIONS

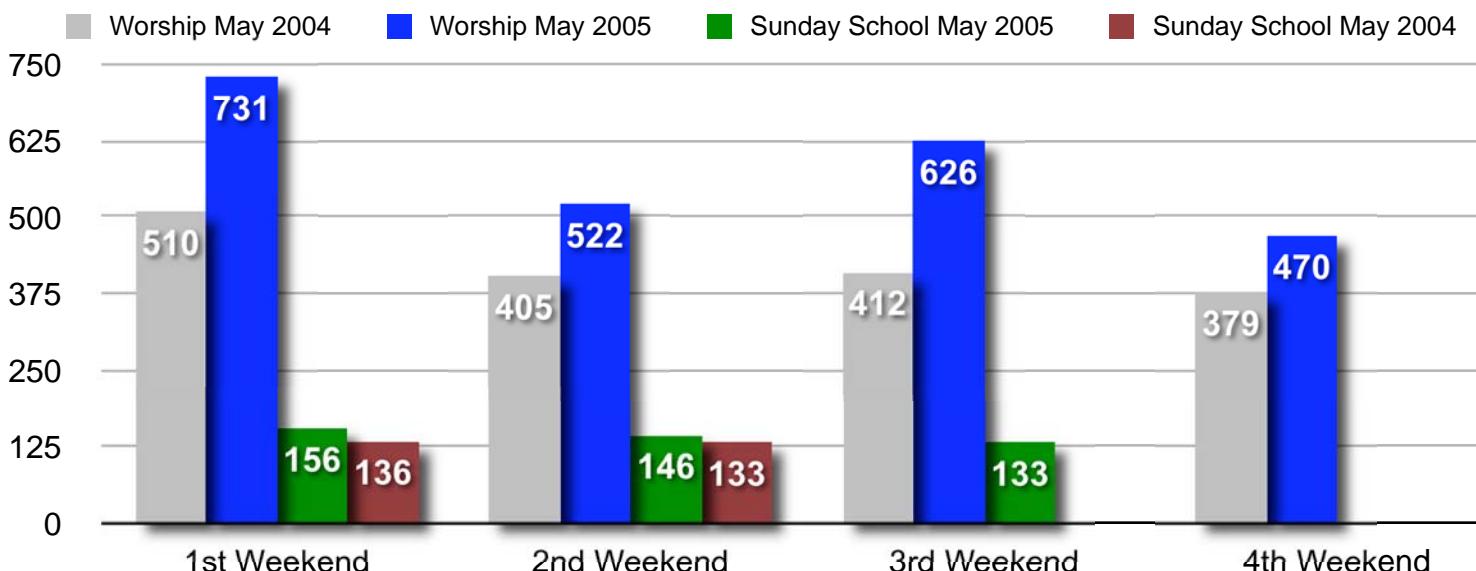
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JULY:	OUTREACH
AUGUST:	PROPERTY

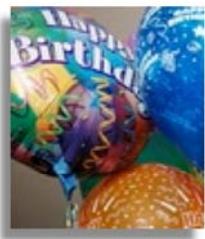
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Growing at FCLC - Worship & Sunday School Attendance





FCLC Birthdays!!

06/01	Thelma Olson-Fosnight	303/776-7200	07/01	Dawnia Roth	303/651-2929
06/01	Matt Hansen	303/772-3512	07/02	Robin Gruszczynski	303/579-2569
06/01	Jeffrey Meier	303/938-8680	07/02	Chelsie Adams	303/823-0852
06/01	Katrin Sharpe	970/546-6767	07/03	Glen Bleeker	303/776-5965
06/02	Kathijo Walder	720/652-9539	07/04	Chase Schumacher	303/776-6443
06/02	Amy Lukow	303/772-3847	07/05	Olivia Herring	303/682-3820
06/02	Amanda Guy	303/460-1147	07/05	Annika Olson	303/682-4311
06/02	Jordan Lind	303/684-0804	07/06	Addy Martinez	303/499-5589
06/04	Diane Broestl	970/532-0249	07/06	Vickie Carder	303/772-5686
06/04	Pam Knipscheer	303/651-7444	07/06	Scot Bauder	303/651-1603
06/05	Gary Erickson	303/772-2750	07/07	Shea Baker	303/748-6601
06/05	Brianna Ney	303/702-0323	07/09	Camilla Lee	970/535-0305
06/07	Cookie Olsen	303/651-2083	07/10	Janice Stugelmeyer	303/678-0739
06/07	Jill Brown	303/772-6208	07/10	Lisa Lewis	303/702-9623
06/08	Gary Dick	303/776-6850	07/10	Jonathan Sell	303/828-4435
06/08	Sherry Chaney	303/682-5485	07/11	Christopher Hassa	303/823-9316
06/08	Christopher Danos	303/776-1929	07/12	Shannon Holstine	303/682-1182
06/08	Brittany Boos	303/772-2457	07/12	Benjamin Mason	303/579-4449
06/08	Kjell Bennett	970/461-1380	07/13	Amanda Thorstensen	970/532-3175
06/09	Karen Longhenry	303/678-7844	07/13	Alex Garcia	303/651-3822
06/10	Harvey Nelson	303/776-5171	07/14	Andrea Lee	970/535-0305
06/10	Emily Dailey	303/709-0731	07/14	Cecily Webb	303/651-3822
06/10	Bethany Praska	303/682-3155	07/15	Lee Quaintance	303/776-8712
06/11	Sam Enders	303/823-5454	07/15	Lori Bladt	303/684-9825
06/11	Taylor Goldfarb	303/682-1961	07/15	Jon Roth	303/651-2929
06/12	Dale Jurgensmeyer	303/651-9045	07/15	Natalie James	970/535-9503
06/12	Jared Guy	303/460-1147	07/15	Melissa Griswold	303/772-6373
06/12	Kole Webb	303/651-3822	07/15	Gavin Ream	303/776-4897
06/14	Donna Wallace	970/461-0400	07/16	Jordan Major	970/532-4855
06/14	Mark Chowning	303/684-0033	07/17	Brian Embree	303/651-0429
06/14	Maria O'Brien	303/651-7908	07/18	Stacia Keller	303/961-2652
06/14	Michael Olson	303/682-4311	07/18	Erin Ciccone	303/833-4512
06/14	Brienna Courtemanche	303/776-7019	07/18	Kendra Cullian	303/772-9691
06/15	Steven Lovell	303/485-8107	07/18	Anna Kramer	303/823-9623
06/16	Julie Backes	970/663-6327	07/19	Richard Fellows	303/651-9178
06/16	Bryce Goertz	303/485-6826	07/19	Sam Bauder	303/651-1603
06/17	Tracy Rothe	303/682-0695	07/19	Taylor Nehls	720/494-1666
06/17	Natalie Boggess	303/823-8683	07/20	Don Endres	303/776-7896
06/17	Dakota Diemand	303/772-3320	07/20	Blair Dunlop	303/776-6421
06/18	Mike Major	970/532-4855	07/20	Becca Foster	303/772-1703
06/18	Gabrielle Brockman	303/678-1392	07/20	Zac Stamp	303/652-8506
06/19	Kyle Mesch	303/684-0937	07/21	Elijah Hubert	303/651-9479
06/21	Michael Wacha	970/532-4941	07/22	Blake Musfeldt	303/494-4036
06/22	Larry Palm	303/772-6373	07/23	Beverly Morgan	303/776-2757
06/22	Brock Riemenschneider	970/532-7807	07/23	Kayla Smith	303/682-1899
06/22	Kendall Lind	303/684-0804	07/23	Andrew Goldfarb	303/682-1961
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06/23	Melanie Patterson	970/472-1655	07/24	Hillary Bleeker	303/776-5965
06/23	Eric Jurgensmeyer	303/651-9045	07/24	Avery Gomez	303/682-2563
06/24	Nancy Benson	970/482-3986	07/25	Joan Flowers	303/776-6787
06/24	Lawrence Konicek	303/772-0010	07/25	Peter Marks	303/210-5284
06/24	Stacie Irey	970/669-0754	07/25	Donna Koehler	303/651-7742
06/24	Eric Smith	303/678-1329	07/25	Kim Brockman	303/678-1392
06/24	Sammy Schaff	303/772-8385	07/25	Benjamin WooChing	303/678-0138
06/25	Clayton Cordes	303/772-5352	07/26	Chad Beckner	303/651-2287
06/25	Kayla Vece	303/833-3088			

Happy Anniversary!!



06/02 Al & Linda Parker
 06/02 Brian & Amy Miller
 06/03 Mark & Sally Beckner
 06/05 Tracy & Marci Rothe
 06/06 Mark & Sally Carnes
 06/06 Mike & Alicia Stover
 06/07 Don & Carmela Endres
 06/08 Roger & Cookie Olsen
 06/10 Bob & Linda Thoman
 06/11 Peter & Carol Marks
 06/11 Mike & Stephanie Brockman
 06/12 Otto & Karen Longhenry
 06/13 David & Antoinette Enders
 06/17 Don & Barb Borton
 06/18 Warner & Dee Lien
 06/18 Gordon & Donna Wallace
 06/19 Nick & Holly Lehnert
 06/19 Dan & Stephanie Spencer
 06/19 Shawn & Mandy Wormke
 06/20 Larry & Mary Konicek
 06/20 Tony & Teri Hassa
 06/21 David & Diane Sell
 06/21 Benjamin & Stephanie Mason
 06/21 Dawn & Robert Hajdas
 06/22 Charles & Gail Cullian
 06/24 Robert & Sharon Kaiser
 06/25 Robert & Kirsten Simpson
 06/25 Kevin & Darcie Ell
 06/26 Ewald & Kathe Schelert
 06/28 Bill & Dianne Prout
 06/30 Joel & Joan Schell
 06/30 Scott & Erika Snyder

07/01 Mark & Jeanne Malone-Chowning
 07/07 Patrick & Evelyn Cordes
 07/08 Henry & Kimberly Dukart
 07/09 Roger & Addy Martinez
 07/10 Bob & Yvonne Alm
 07/10 Mark & Kathy Praska
 07/10 Raymond & Karen Menard
 07/10 Kevin & Karen Kovets
 07/10 Richard & Mitzi Fellows
 07/11 Greg & Sandi Vaughn
 07/16 Brian & Margaret Greene
 07/17 Tom & Laura Lewis
 07/19 Bob & Chris Mueller
 07/24 Gary & Ellen Grabau
 07/25 Harlan & Linda Lerum
 07/31 Ray & Nancy Passot-Schumacher



Faith Community Lutheran 25th Anniversary Celebration & Worship Service Sunday, June 12th, 2005

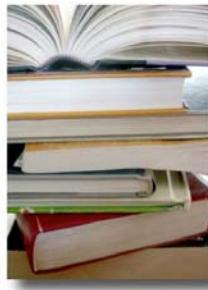
JUNE 12 ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS!! We are planning a wonderful catered luncheon immediately following the 11:00 service on June 12. There is no charge for this great family occasion. Don't miss the fun! If you did NOT receive a phone call about your reservation, please call Linda Thoman 303-772-0039 or e-mail her at tomanonline@netzero.net

Gleamings

to brighten the day

Gathered during golden hours of reading by Lois Ward to share with you

June 1, 2005



Summer & the Reading Is Easy

... or at least one way to add pleasure to days of high temperatures, humidity, poor air quality, or aches affected by weather changes. We long for a shady nook without mosquitoes and a cool breeze without smog. Even air-cooled rooms are confining when you can't pop out to check the roses. I am so thankful to be able to ease stress and distract my mind from aches and ouches with a book (even after 70 years of reading). Think books (or audio-books, perhaps) when you begin to think kindly of snowstorms!

Outings with friends or family are better for me when companions accept *my decision* to pull out a book and park my chair in a quiet spot while they continue to explore shops or other special sites. I'm happier to not 'slow progress' in crowded areas or need pushes over uneven surfaces. With this compromise I welcome an invitation and enjoy participating part of the time and happily read and people-watch from a quiet spot until the others return.

If your house isn't crowded with books like mine, use the public library, a church library, or that friend who offers to lend a book. Difficult to get to a library? Public and church libraries offer home delivery and help in choosing books you want to borrow. Use the Internet to browse the online catalog of your local library.

Reread an old favorite to see why you liked it so much. I may resort to brown paper covers for children's books if others keep asking why I read kid's stuff. Ah! Ever notice where the best illustrators of colorful characters and scenes hang out?

Try Christian fiction, poetry or meditations. Enjoy lavish photography in books on travel, horses, roses, herbs, and history. Smile over old Pogo or New Yorker cartoons. A mystery author suggests using textbooks and children's nonfiction for background facts. She noted the type is much easier on the eyes! Use them yourself to satisfy your curiosity about geology, ecology, Africa, etc. Don't forget large print books, books on CDs, favorite old movies. Let a book be one of your companions this summer. Lois

A PRAYER FOR WILD THINGS

Oh, Great Spirit, we come to you with love and gratitude for all living things.

We now pray especially for our relatives of the wilderness -- the four-legged, the winged, those that live in the waters, and those that crawl upon the land. Bless them, that they might continue to live in freedom and enjoy their right to be wild.

Fill our hearts with tolerance, appreciation, and respect for all living things so that we all might live together in harmony and in peace.

-- Marcellus Bear Heart Williams. In *Graces: prayers and poems for everyday meals and special occasions*, June Cotner, 1994.

Giving thanks... Prayer can connect us to our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, not just at mealtimes but throughout our day. Leonard Sweet in "Mezuzah Your Universe" in his book, *SoulSalsa: 17 surprising steps for godly living in the 21st century*, quotes G. K. Chesterton:

"You say grace before meals. All right ...

But I say grace before the play and the opera,
And grace before the concert and pantomime,
And grace before I open a book,
And grace before sketching, painting, swimming, fencing,
boxing, walking, playing, dancing;
And grace before I dip the pen in the ink."

STORM AT SEA!

A young naval student was being put through the paces by an old sea-captain. "What would you do if a sudden storm sprang up on the starboard?"

"Throw out an anchor, sir."

"What would you do if another storm sprang up aft?"

"Throw out another anchor, sir."

"And if another terrific storm sprang up forward, what would you do?"

"Throw out another anchor."

"Hold on," said the Captain, "where are you getting all your anchors from?"

"From the same place you're getting your storms, sir."

--Last Laugh, Steve@worldstart.com.

Did you ever wonder why it seems a wrong number is never busy?

MORNING

Good morning, Lord.

This is Your day.

I am Your child —

Show me Your way.

[Shared by Pastor Bruce]

Housekeeping ...

At last, at last! I've found the word for my sad style of housekeeping. Reading a favorite mystery series, I found the two feisty 'resident detectives' of a retirement home ready to review their progress on the current murder. They met in An-gela's small apartment where Caledonia expressed awe at the pile of wrapped Christmas gifts on the coffee table. But awe became amusement as Angela immediately apologized for the card table and wrappings set up in the middle of the room.

"Caledonia shook her head and chuckled. 'Forget it. I wouldn't even have noticed if you hadn't said something.' And it was true. Her own housekeeping had always been nonchalant (to use the kindest words)..." That's it, that's it. From now on my housekeeping shall be classed as **non-chalant** ... to use the kindest words!

--quote from Corinne Holt Sawyer's *Ho-Ho Homicide*, c1995.

THE DUET ... Ralphie was practicing the violin in the living room while his father was trying to read in the den. The family dog was lying in the den, and as the screeching sounds of Ralphie's violin reached his ears, he began to howl loudly.

The father listened to the dog and the violin as long as he could. Then he jumped up, slammed his paper to the floor and yelled above the noise, "For Pete's sake, can't you play something the dog doesn't know?!" -- Last Laugh

IF ONLY it were all so simple! If only there were evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds, and it were necessary only to separate them from the rest of us and destroy them. But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being. And who is willing to destroy a piece of his own heart? --Alexander Solzhenitsyn [via Vicki Ward]

GOD'S POWER AND STRENGTH: When I dare to rely on God's power, to use God's strength in the service of His vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am adequate for the task. -- Unknown. SOUNDBITES.

It wasn't until quite late in life that I discovered how easy it is to say, "I don't know." -- Unknown.

Quality Check? Gleamer Alisan Kacoroski wrote:

"I've heard of Anne Lamott thru the years; am actually half way thru one of her books: **"Bird by Bird."** It's about the skills of writing novels. At one point she offers an aside:

'Although when I mentioned this to my priest friend Tom, he said you can safely assume you've created God in your own image when it turns out that God hates all the same people you do. [p. 22]'

I love that thought, '...you've created God in your own image ...' Thanks, Alisan, so do I!

Who would know?

At the end of their first date, a guy takes the girl home. Emboldened by the night, he decides to try for the first kiss. With an air of confidence, he leans with his hand against the wall and, smiling, says, "Darling, how 'bout a good night kiss?"

Horrified, she replies, "Are you mad? My parents will see us!" Him: "Oh, come on! Who'd see us at this hour?" Her: "No, please. Can you imagine if we get caught?" Him: "There's nobody around, they're all sleeping!" Her: "No way. It's too risky!" Him: "Oh please, I like you so much! Her: "No, no and no. I like you too, but I can't!" Him: "I beg you...."

Suddenly, the light on the stairs goes on, and the girl's sister, in pajamas, hair disheveled, says in a sleepy voice, "Dad says to go ahead and give him a kiss. Or I can do it. Or if need be, he'll come down and do it. But for crying out loud, tell him to take his hand off the intercom button!"

-- From Richard Russell, GCFL

FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE

My table, Lord, is small
And my voice seems smaller still.
But I know that when I pray to you
You come and sit by me.
So, please, Lord, join me now
As I pray for those alone.
May they know that you would love
An invitation to their home. -- Leslie Betzing, in *Graces: prayers and poems for everyday meals and special occasions*, June Cotner, 1994.

I have sought happiness everywhere, but I have found it nowhere except in a little corner with a little book. --Thomas a Kempis

Gleamings to Brighten the Day

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91.1 FM KLOVE
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Mission Verse:

God's Spirit is on me:
He chose me to preach the
Message of Good News to the
poor, Sent me to announce
pardon of prisoners and
recovery of sight to the blind,
To set the burdened and
battered free, to announce,
"This is God's year to act!"

Luke 4:18-19

Our Vision:

In each of us burns a flame
so we gather in faith and
hope to reach out in love.



Our Core Values:

To "Reach Out in Love"
as a church that is:

- * Bible Centered
- * Prayer Centered
- * Blend of Inspirational Worship
- * Kid Friendly
- * Visitor Friendly
- * Model of the Priesthood of Believers
- * Model of First Fruits Giving (to various outreach projects)

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